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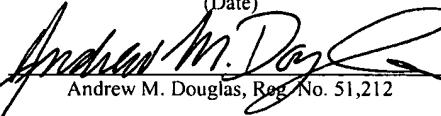
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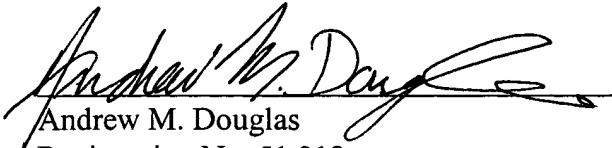
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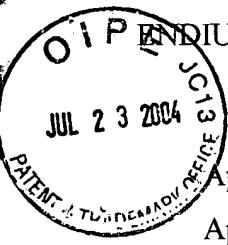
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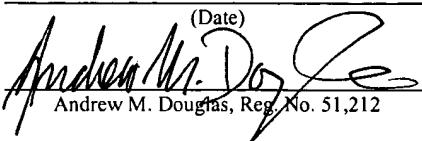
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### PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

This paper is being filed prior to the first examination on the merits.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.

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